(c) the amount sanctioned during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 70.00 lakh has been released so far for completing the repair of flood damages of National Highways which occurred during the previous year. However, no estimate for flood damage repairs of National Highways for the year 2001-2002 has been received so far from the Government of Karnataka.

(c) Estimates amounting to Rs. 312.67 lakh and Rs. 270.00 lakh were sanctioned for flood damage repair works for National Highways in Karnataka during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

2095. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Golden Quadrilateral Project has abandoned the use of Expressways and now it is focussing on four laning of highways only; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The Golden Quadrilateral Project was envisaged as a 4/6-lane facility and not as Expressway facility. Hence, there has been no change in the Project.

Network of Roads

†2096. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a network of roads is being constructed throughout the country under 'Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana';

(b) if so, the length of roads in kilometres proposed to be built in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.